

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1074

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Benjamin Conner on his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.6 million Tennessee volunteers give over 137 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.3 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, these volunteers are the backbone of our communities, and by donating their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Conner of Hamilton County is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, each week for the past ten years, Mr. Conner, a Vietnam Army Veteran, has volunteered at the Chattanooga Veterans Affairs clinic, coordinating the VA Van Shuttle Program for Volunteer Services; and

WHEREAS, helping the van services run smoothly each day, Benjamin Conner organizes volunteer van drivers to ensure veterans get to and from important VA appointments in Chattanooga and Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Conner is active in several other veteran service organizations as well, including the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Conner is a model citizen; his commitment to helping others through volunteerism epitomizes the spirit of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Benjamin Conner for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.